

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DG 06-128**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On September 15, 2006, Northern Utilities, Inc. – Pelham Division (Northern), filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariffs providing for its winter Cost of Gas (COG) for the period November 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. Included in the filing is updated information regarding Northern's efforts to sell its Pelham Plaza propane facilities and discontinue regulated propane service. The proposed COG rate is \$1.5982 per therm, compared to an average weighted COG rate of \$1.4746 per therm for last winter, an increase of \$0.1236 per therm.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 relative to rates, forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, purchasing decisions related to the current and past winter supplies, the causes and treatment of any substantial over and under recoveries, the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues, and Northern's options for future operations at the Pelham Plaza. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 18, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Northern, Staff and any intervenors hold a technical session at the Commission on October 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, Northern shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 28, 2006, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 18, 2006; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Northern and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 13, 2006 such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 18, 2006.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-second day of September, 2006.

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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary

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